

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: MMOL, MPOL, KS

SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF M-60 TANKS

1. MINISTER NATIONAL DEFENSE SUH MAY 2 APPROACHED  
AMBASSADOR REQUESTING RECONSIDERATION "ON POLITICAL  
GROUNDS" OF DECISION TO WITHDRAW M-60 TANK BATTALION  
FROM SECOND DIVISION. GENERAL STILWELL INFORMS ME THAT  
THIS IS ASPECT OF BROAD ARMY REORGANIZATION PLAN, INVOLVING  
MOVEMENT OF TANKS TO GERMANY AND STRENGTHENING OF OTHER  
ELEMENTS SECOND DIVISION, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL TOW.

2. SUH RECOGNIZES PREFESSIONAL MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS  
INVOLVED, BUT ROKG IS CONCERNED THAT TANK MOVEMENT AT  
THIS TIME WILL BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY BOTH ROK PEOPLE AND  
NORTH KOREANS. SUH SAID HE PREVIOUSLY COMMUNICATED HIS  
CONCERNS, WITHOUT SUCCESS, TO GENERAL STILWELL.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DISCREET INQUIRIES WITH DOD ON  
PROSPECTS FOR DELAYING TANK BATTALION WITHDRAWAL. GENERAL  
STILWELL IS CONCERNED THAT TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL REQUEST  
MIGHT BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. HOWEVER, I THINK I AM OBLIGATED  
TO DO SO UNLESS YOU ADVISE THAT REACTION COULD BE DAMAGING  
TO OTHER EFFORTS RE KOREA.  
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